

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 657

Introduced by Assembly Member Nazarian

February 21, 2013

An act to amend Section 138.6 of the Health and Safety Code, relating to public health.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 657, as introduced, Nazarian. Women's health.

Existing law requires the State Department of Public Health to develop a coordinated state strategy for addressing the health-related needs of women, including implementation of goals and objectives for women's health. Existing law establishes the Office of Health Equity within the department to, among other things, communicate and disseminate information within the department and with other state departments to assist in developing strategies to improve the health and mental health status of specified persons, including women. Existing law requires the department to include prescribed information in any literature that it produces regarding breast cancer.

This bill would delete an obsolete reference from that provision.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: no.
State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

- 1 SECTION 1. Section 138.6 of the Health and Safety Code is
- 2 amended to read:
- 3 138.6. (a) The State Department of Public Health shall include
- 4 in any literature that it produces regarding breast cancer information

1 that ~~shall include~~ *includes*, but *is* not ~~be~~ limited to, all of the
2 following:

3 (1) Summarized information on risk factors for breast cancer
4 in younger women, including, but not limited to, information on
5 the increased risk associated with a family history of the disease.

6 (2) Summarized information regarding detection alternatives
7 to mammography that may be available and more effective for
8 at-risk women between the ages of 25 and 40 years.

9 (3) Information on Internet Web sites of relevant organizations,
10 government agencies, and research institutions where information
11 on mammography alternatives may be obtained.

12 (b) The information required by subdivision (a) shall be
13 produced consistent with the department's protocols and procedures
14 regarding the production and dissemination of information on
15 breast cancer, including, but not limited to, the following factors:

16 (1) Restrictions imposed by space limitation on materials
17 currently produced and distributed by the department.

18 (2) Future regular production and replacement schedules.

19 (3) Translation standards governing the number of languages
20 and literacy levels.

21 (4) The nature, content, and purpose of the material into which
22 this new information will be incorporated.

23 (c) It is the intent of the Legislature that subdivisions (a) and
24 (b) apply to information that is distributed by any branch of the
25 department, including, but not limited to, ~~the Cancer Detection~~
26 ~~Section~~ and the Office of Health Equity.